the lighter side

s o u n d   a l i k e s

Homophones (sound-alikes) are words that sound alike but are spelled differently with different meanings. Read the questions below and fill in with the correct answer.

Example:
    Is the top of the mountain a <u>peek</u> or a <u>peak</u>?
    The correct is <u>peak.</u>

1. Does a dog have a **tail** or **tale**?_____

2. Which are surrounded by water, **aisles** or **isles?** _____

3. If you were sad, would you shed **tears** or **tiers**? _____

4. Would a telephone **wring** or **ring**?_____

5. I **one** or **won** a CD player in the contest._____

6. That's the best movie Cathy had ever **scene** or **seen.** _____

7. The meeting was so long, I was **board** or **bored**. _____

8. What's your favorite breakfast **serial** or **cereal?** _____

9. The kings' **rain** or **reign** lasted 30 years. _____

10. I couldn't **bear** or **bare** to sit through that play again._____

11. Despite all of our yelling, he still couldn't **hear** or **here** us. _____

12. The **rose** or **rows** is the only flower Paula liked. _____

13. Do windows have **pains** or **panes**? _____

14. We **missed** or **mist** our train by 30 minutes. _____

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l o o k   a l i k e s

Homographs (look-alikes) are words that are spelled alike, but differ in meaning and sometimes pronunciation. Fill in the homograph that completes each riddle below.

Example:
    Why is an English teacher like a judge?
    Both give people <u>*sentences.*</u>

1. Why is the moon worth only a dollar?
   Because it has four _____.

2. Why do gardeners make good writers?
   They are always digging up _____.

3. Why was the baker a cheap date?
   He was always running out of _____.

4. What did one battery tell the other battery?
   I get a _____ out of you.

5. How is a coward like a leaky faucet?
   They both _____.

6. What did the mother chimney say to the baby chimney?
   You're too young to _____.

7. What house can you lift off the ground?
   A _____.

8. Why are oysters lazy?
   They are always found in _____.

9. How do you know when you've missed the train?
   You can see its _____.

10. How can you tell a dogwood tree?
    By its _____.

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